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1912 Dates J-BK

Franks under Carloman

Saxons were subdued. They accept Christianity.

General revolt of Saxons under
WIDUKIND of WITTEKIND

Frankish Army defeated.

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Constantine VI succeeds Leo IV

780-803

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East Empire

Irene has her son (Constantine)
blinded and deposed.
She reigns until 803.

The accession of a woman was
a pretext for transferring the
Crown from the Eastern Empire
to the Western.

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The Gelasian Sacramentary
Catholic liturgical book.

AD 780-1070

VIKINGS

Scandinavian raiders, merchants, and explorers, the Vikings were active throughout Europe from 780-1070. The term 'Viking' derives from the old Norse word *vik*, meaning, 'INLET'. Western European forces usually called them ~~Norsemen~~ ^{Northmen}. Trade & exploration were probably the most important elements of Viking activity.

In late 8th cen. they began to attack & plunder neighboring regions. As kingdoms emerged, aristocrats turned to piracy as the quickest way to obtain the heroic reputation needed to attract a large following and

the wealth in precious metals to support it. Some established lordships (in Russia [Kiev]; France [Normandy]; England [Danelaw] stretching from Essex to Cumberland. From late 10th cen. Scandinavian kings took control of the raiding activities as part of their own military policy. The Vikings had the advantage of mobility, and the rapidity of their raids produced surprise and terror. Confrontations with heavily armed soldiers in England & on the Continent resulted in defeat more often than victory.

Vikings established trade routes to Byzantine & the Near East. Waterford & Dublin were originally Viking markets.

780-797

Constantine VI born c 770

Byzantine emperor, son & successor of LEO IV. His mother IRENE was regent till 790, when she was deposed by military revolt.

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Constantine VI was Byzantine Emperor.